Pirate Party of the Czech Republic

Continuous activity to success

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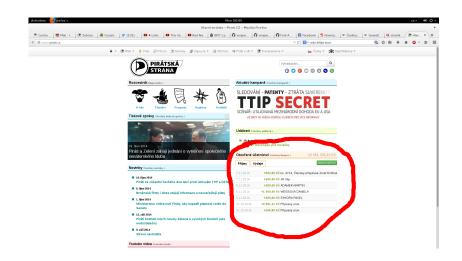
History

- ► Founded in 2009
- ► Continuous growth in preferences
- ▶ 3 seats won local elections (2010)
- ▶ 2.66 % in parliament elections (2013)
- ▶ 4.78% in European Parliament elections (2014)
- ▶ 21 seats gained in local elections (2014)
- supported independent senators together with greens

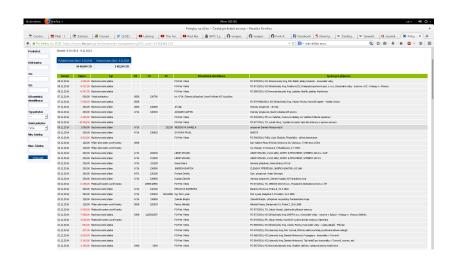
Organization

- ► ca. 400 members
- separate legislative, executive and judicuary branches
- spokespeople for individual policy sections
- general forum comprised of all members
- organisation units on geographical basis
- transparent online forum
- transparent accounting

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Policy

- direct democracy
- ► Europe without borders but not as a byrocratic paradise
- freedom of speech
- open access and open data
- privacy
- drug legalization
- equality
- transparency
- ► e-government
- ▶ free culture
- ▶ internet freedom
- **▶** ...

Policy comparison - PP-AT

Activities

- PirateLeaks, leak of copyright reform drafts, leak of internet censorship bill draft
- ► ACTA protests in 2012
- ► TTIP and CETA protests in 2014
- VyOseni music festival since 2011
- ► Free movie festival, 2013
- ▶ "Link is not a crime" long-term campaign
- ▶ "We play free music" long-term campaign
- participative budgeting
- presence at various venues related to our policies, press releases related to current issues

International cooperation

- ► founding member of PPI, international conference with Amelia Andresdotter in 2010, PPI GA in 2012
- ▶ helped Berlin Pirates with campaign in 2011
- mutual support with Saxon Pirates in 2013 (Bundestag in D, Abgeordnetenhaus in CZ)
- ▶ helped Croatian pirates with campaign in 2013
- ▶ PP3 meeting in Saxony 2013 and Czechia 2014

Local elections 2014 - results summary

- ► Marienbad 4 Pirates, 1 independent, majority with 21%
- ► Prague 4 Pirates at city council (5,31%) + 7 Pirates & 5 supporters in districts
- ► Brno 2 Pirates 11,88% (coalition Žít Brno movement)
- ► Majetín 1 Pirate
- Prostějov 1 Pirate (coalition)
- ► Šumperk 1 independent (coalition)
- Stříbro 1 Pirate
- ► Trutnov 1 Pirate
- ► Liberec 2 independent
- Písek 1 Pirate
- Kralupy nad Vltavou 1 Pirate
- ► Sadská 1 Pirate (coalition)
- many independent candidates under Pirate flag



Marienbad

- ▶ 4 Pirates, majority with 21%
- vast policy, clearly commenting on local issues
- trustworthy candidates with long-term activity record
- ▶ PR newspaper distributed to every mailbox in the city
- main policies presented in articles
- posters with slogans
- website pirati.ml, social network activity
- ▶ local VyOseni, underground art community
- incapability of other politicians in the city
- ► history of success: 2012 5,50%, 2013 5,85%, 2014 8,50%

Prague

- ▶ 4 Pirates at city council + 7 Pirates & 5 supporters in districts
- ▶ leader, known as information freedom activist
- ▶ PR newspaper distributed around busy underground stations
- PR happenings
- history of success
- ▶ budget, regular meetings, started right after EP elections
- big effort of many volunteers and candidates
- policy focused on local issues
- ► logo

Brno

- Žít Brno movement
- ▶ 11,88%, 2 pirates
- ▶ first recesistic movement criticizing local mayor
- when got FB page blocked, wider group of local activists formed
- young green liberal hipsters who want better city
- representatives of several citizen's initiatives and Pirate party

Notes & experience

- election system allows "preferential votes"
- often happened that in coalitions Pirate candidates were "outvoted" on lower positions
- ▶ better poll attendance of coalition partners voters etc.

General policy for communal elections

- Vast document covering all sort of issues
- Transformed into local policies reflexing local issues
- Economy transparent, balanced, effective
- ▶ Participation open access, support active citizens
- ▶ Public service for citizens traffic infrastructure
- Modern technology dealing with state, free formats, internet access
- Investiotions into education and culture
- Available health and social services
- ► Environment protection

After elections - presidium's general strategy

- ▶ Piratecon improve qualification
- ▶ how to be a good representative
- ▶ how to introduce free software and OpenData
- ▶ how to assign work to officers
- ➤ YOU'RE WELCOME TO VISIT

Summary - how to score